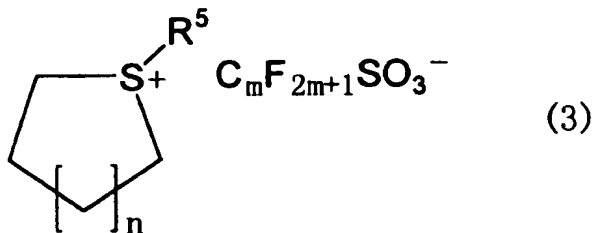


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A radiation-sensitive resin composition comprising: (A) an acid-dissociable group-containing resin, insoluble or scarcely soluble in alkali but becoming soluble in alkali when the acid-dissociable group dissociates, and containing recurring units with specific structures and (B) a photoacid generator of the formula (3),



- 10 wherein R^5 represents a monovalent aromatic hydrocarbon group, m is 1-8, and n is 0-5. The resin composition is suitable as a chemically-amplified resist responsive to deep ultraviolet rays such as a KrF excimer laser and ArF excimer laser, exhibits high transparency, excellent resolution, dry etching
- 15 resistance, and sensitivity, produces good pattern shapes, and well adheres to substrates.